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TAGS: OCON OVIP (RUSH)

SUBJ: DEPSEV VISIT: GNZ POSITION PACIFIC NUCLEAR
FREE ZONE AND DIEGO GARCIA

REF WELLINGTON 417

1. I SAW SECDEF ROBERTSON ON ABOVE QUESTIONS FEB 15.

2. UNLIKE CORNER, HE FELT AS TO PNFZ THAT PM KIRK WOULD
BE SATISFIED WITH UNILATERAL GNZ STATEMENT SAYING GNZ
HOPED PNFZ WOULD SOMEDAY BE ACHIEVED, BUT NOT GOING SO
FAR SEEKING ADHERENCE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

3. COMMENT: AS EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CORNER'S
ADVICE TO PM KIRK IS SOMETIMES OFF THE CUFF AND OFTEN
DOESN'T TAKE US POSITION ADEQUATELY INTO ACCOUNT. PM IS
AWARE OF THIS AS ARE OTHER GNZ OFFICIALS SUCH AS
ROBERTSON AND NORRISH (CORNER'S DEPUTY) WHO SOMETIMES
TRY TO COUNTER CORNER'S ADVICE TO PM. THUS, CORNER'S
COMMENTS TO ME FEB 14 (REFTEL) MAY REFLECT HIS VIEW
MORE THAN GNZ'S.

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THIS SITUATION ADDS TO USEFULNESS OF DEPSEC MAKING US
POSITION ON PNFZ CLEAR TO PM DURING BILATERAL TALKS
AFTERNOON FEB 27, I.E., THAT, IF GNZ AS ANZUS PARTNER
WERE PUBLICLY TO ASK OTHER COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO SOME
DECLARATION ON A PNFZ, IT WOULD NOT BE HELPING ITS US
ALLY ON WHOM IT LARGELY RELIANT. SAME WOULD APPLY TO
GNZ COMMENTS ON DIEGO GARCIA SINCE, AS GNZ KNOW, SOVIET
FLEET BUILD UP HAS BEEN GOING ON IN AREA FOR SOME TIME
AND PROBLEM WILL BECOME MORE SERIOUS WHEN SUEZ OPENED.
KIRK'S POSITION MAY TURN OUT TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND
UNDERSTANDING THAN EXPRESSED TO ME BY CORNER FEB 14.
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